(d) whether any higher target has been set by NTC mills for the sale of controlled cloth for 1991-92; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the prices at which controlled cloth was sold during each of the lasr three years and the prices at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a). NTC Mills are selling controlled cloth through various Government approved channels viz:

(i) National Consumer Cooperative Federation of India Ltd.

(ii) State Government Civil Supplies Corporation and State Federations;

(iii) NTC's own retail outlets all over India.

(iv) NTC's Authorised Dealers.

(b) The present system of supply of controlled cloth is satisfactory and hence no change is contemplated at present.

(c) The quantity of controlled cloth sold by NTC mills during the years 1988-89 to 1990-91 was as under:-

Year	*Quantity of Sales (Lakh Sq. meters)*
1988-89	1137.86
1989-90	1131.16
1990-91	963.90

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The average consumer prices of dhoty, sarees, long cloth and controlled P.C. Shirting the major varirties produced by NTC Mills, are given below:-

(Price per square metre)

	Dhoty	*Sarees*	*Long Cloth*	*Controlled P.C. Shirting*
1988	4.59	5.68	6.39	14.70
1989	6.21	7.66	8.40	15.32
1990	6.21	7.66	8.40	15.32
1991	7.17	8.78	9.54	16.09

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Loan Scheme for Gulf Bound Person

6005. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Bank of Travancore has introduced any special loan scheme for Gulf bound persons to meet their air passage and other incidental expenses; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). According to State Bank of Travancore, they have a scheme for sanctioning loans for meeting the passage fare of Gulf bound Keralites. Under the scheme Indian Nationals holding valid passports visa/no-objection certificate and firm

offer of employment are eligible for a maximum loan of Rs. 10,000/- at a minimum interest rate of 18.5% per annum with quarterly rests, repayable within a period of 12 months by remittances from abroad. Such loans are in the nature of clean overdraft with collateral security of properties and/or personal guarantee by two persons to cover twice the loan amount.

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New corporate Plans of STC and MMTC

6006. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Trading Corporation and the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation have been asked to draw up new corporate plans for 1991-92 in the light of the recent trade reform measures;

(b) if so, to what extent the MMTC and STC have formulated their new corporate plans;

(c) whether the Government have considered these plans; and

(d) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a). Yes, Sir

(b) STC and MMTC have formulated new Corporate Plans.

(c) and (d) The Corporate Plans of STC and MMTC have been finalised and both the Corporations have been asked to implement the same with immediate effect.

Textiles, Kamil Nader

Setting up of Knitwear Export Project near Tirupur

6007. SHRIMATI BASAVARAJESWARI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a knitwear export project near Tirupur;

(b) if so, the details and the total estimated cost thereof; and

(c) the extent to which it will be helpful in the development of the graments industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (e). Government has not set any knitwear export project near Tirupur.

However, the Tirupur Exporters Association has promoted an Industrial Complex consisting of 150 sheds at Mudalipaleyarm near Tirupur under the name of Tirupur Exporters Knitwear Industrial Complex. It is expected that this Industrial Complex would further increase export of knitwear from Tirupur area.

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Project and Equipment Corporation of India Limited

6008. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS:Will the Minister of COMMERCE to be pleased to state:

(a) the total strength of employees in the Project and Equipment Corporation of India Limited (PEC) in various Categories as on April 1, 1989 and July 31, 1991 and the number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes amongst them;

(b) the total backlog of reserved posts of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes as on aforessaid dates and the reasons for such backlog;

(c) the steps taken to fill up the backlog as per the instruction of the Department of Personnel;

(d) whether any posts were dereserved during this period and filled up by general candidates; and